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For: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES THAT CAN BE USED AS PRIMERS
AND PROBES IN THE AMPLIFICATION AND DETECTION OF
ALL SUBTYPES OF HIV-1

Corresponding to: PCT/EP98/04945, filed August 5, 1998

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 21, 2000

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fee in the above-identified application, please enter
the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 3, please insert -- FIELD OF INVENTION -- ; and

between lines 6 and 7, please insert -- BACKGROUND OF THE
INVENTION --.

Page 3, between lines 16 and 17, please insert -- SUMMARY OF THE
INVENTION --; and

between lines 28 and 29, please insert -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
THE INVENTION --.

Page 23, line 1, please change "Claims" to -- We Claim -- .

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 1, please change "Pair" to -- A pair --;
line 4, please delete both commas and insert
-- sequential -- before "nucleotides";

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